

*Stewart A. Baker, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security.

By Mr. SPECTER for the Committee on the Judiciary.

John G. Roberts, Jr., of Maryland, to be Chief Justice of the United States.

*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. SANTORUM (for himself and Mr. DEMINT):

S. 1750. A bill to provide for the issuance of certificates to Social Security beneficiaries who are born before 1950 guaranteeing their right to receive Social Security benefits under title II of the Social Security Act in full with an accurate annual cost-of-living adjustment; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. MIKULSKI:

S. 1751. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the State sentences for which burial in National Cemeteries and Arlington National Cemetery are prohibited to include any sentence of life imprisonment for a State capital crime; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. CHAMBLISS (for himself and Mr. HARKIN):

S. 1752. A bill to amend the United States Grain Standards Act to reauthorize that Act; considered and passed.

By Mr. DEMINT (for himself, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. INOUE, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. VITTER, Mr. LOTT, and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 1753. A bill to establish a unified national hazard alert system, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. INHOFE:

S. 1754. A bill to apply the Federal medical assistance percentage determined for a State for fiscal year 2005 for fiscal years 2006 through 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 1755. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 200 South Barrington Street in Los Angeles, California, as the "Karl Malden Station"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. DAYTON:

S. 1756. A bill to establish a Department of Peace and Nonviolence; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. CLINTON:

S. 1757. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue code of 1986 to make residents of Puerto Rico eligible for the refundable portion of the child tax credit; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself and Mr. DORGAN):

S. 1758. A bill to amend the Indian Financing Act of 1974, to provide for sale and assignment of loans and underlying security, and for other purposes; considered and passed.

By Mr. CRAIG:

S. 1759. A bill to require the Secretary of the Army to remove the remains of Russell

Wayne Wagner from Arlington National Cemetery; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. SMITH (for himself and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 1760. A bill to authorize early repayment of obligations to the Bureau of Reclamation within Rogue River Valley Irrigation District or within Medford Irrigation District; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mr. VITTER, Mr. LOTT, Ms. MURKOWSKI, and Mr. INHOFE):

S. 1761. A bill to clarify the liability of government contractors assisting in rescue, recovery, repair, and reconstruction work in the Gulf Coast region of the United States affected by Hurricane Katrina or other major disasters; read the first time.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Mr. DAYTON):

S. 1762. A bill to establish a first responder interoperable communications grant program; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. BOXER:

S. 1763. A bill to promote the employment of workers displaced by Hurricane Katrina in connection with Hurricane Katrina reconstruction efforts; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 1764. A bill to provide for the continued education of students affected by Hurricane Katrina; considered and passed.

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself and Mr. VITTER):

S. 1765. A bill to provide disaster relief and incentives for economic recovery for Louisiana residents and businesses affected by Hurricane Katrina; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. VITTER (for himself and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 1766. A bill to provide disaster relief and incentives for economic recovery for Louisiana residents and businesses affected by Hurricane Katrina; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. STEVENS:

S. Res. 247. A resolution commending the Library of Congress's private-sector advisory body, the James Madison Council and its Founding Chairman, John W. Kluge, on 15 years of exemplary service to Congress and the Nation and looking forward to the Council's continued success in the years ahead; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. AKAKA (for himself and Mr. INOUE):

S. Res. 248. A resolution commemorating the West Oahu Little League Team for winning the 2005 Little League World Series; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. AKAKA (for himself and Mr. INOUE):

S. Res. 249. A resolution commemorating the Oahu All-Stars for winning the 2005 Cal Ripken World Series and the Hawaii Warriors for winning the 2005 Continental Amateur Baseball Association World Series (ages 9-under); considered and agreed to.

By Mr. COBURN (for himself, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. BYRD, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. LEVIN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. THUNE, Mr. BUNNING,

Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. JOHN-SON, and Mr. MARTINEZ):

S. Res. 250. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of Gold Star Mothers Day; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 4

At the request of Mr. FRIST, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4, a bill to reduce healthcare costs, expand access to affordable healthcare coverage, and improve healthcare and strengthen the healthcare safety net, and for other purposes.

S. 236

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. COLEMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 236, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to clarify the treatment of payment under the medicare program for clinical laboratory tests furnished by critical access hospitals.

S. 246

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. MARTINEZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 246, a bill to repeal the sunset of the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001 with respect to the expansion of the adoption credit and adoption assistance programs.

S. 576

At the request of Mr. BYRD, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 576, a bill to restore the prohibition on the commercial sale and slaughter of wild free-roaming horses and burros.

S. 852

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 852, a bill to create a fair and efficient system to resolve claims of victims for bodily injury caused by asbestos exposure, and for other purposes.

S. 1046

At the request of Mr. KYL, the names of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. ENSIGN) and the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) were added as cosponsors of S. 1046, a bill to amend title 28, United States Code, with respect to the jurisdiction of Federal courts over certain cases and controversies involving the Pledge of Allegiance.

S. 1191

At the request of Mr. SALAZAR, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1191, a bill to establish a grant program to provide innovative transportation options to veterans in remote rural areas.

S. 1244

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAIG) was added as a cosponsor of S.

1244, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow individuals a deduction for qualified long-term care insurance premiums, use of such insurance under cafeteria plans and flexible spending arrangements, and a credit for individuals with long-term needs.

S. 1421

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1421, a bill to enhance resources to enforce United States trade rights.

S. 1440

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1440, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide coverage for cardiac rehabilitation and pulmonary rehabilitation services.

S. 1445

At the request of Mr. SALAZAR, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. ALLARD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1445, a bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 520 Colorado Avenue in Arriba, Colorado, as the "William H. Emery Post Office".

S. 1489

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1489, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act with regard to research on asthma, and for other purposes.

S. 1692

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the names of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) and the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) were withdrawn as cosponsors of S. 1692, a bill to provide disaster assistance to agricultural producers for crop and livestock losses, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1692, *supra*.

S. 1695

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) and the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1695, a bill to provide the Secretary of Agriculture with additional authority and funding to provide emergency relief, in coordination with the Secretary of Homeland Security, to victims of Hurricane Katrina and related conditions.

S. 1700

At the request of Mr. COBURN, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1700, a bill to establish an Office of the Hurricane Katrina Recovery Chief Financial Officer, and for other purposes.

S. 1715

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1715, a bill to provide relief for students

and institutions affected by Hurricane Katrina, and for other purposes.

S. 1716

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the names of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS), the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON), the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) and the Senator from Colorado (Mr. SALAZAR) were added as cosponsors of S. 1716, a bill to provide emergency health care relief for survivors of Hurricane Katrina, and for other purposes.

S. 1732

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1732, a bill to require the Federal Trade Commission to conduct an inquiry into the retail prices of natural gas and gasoline.

S. 1736

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1736, a bill to provide for the participation of employees in the judicial branch in the Federal leave transfer program for disasters and emergencies.

S. 1738

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. CHAFEE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1738, a bill to expand the responsibilities of the Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction to provide independent objective audits and investigations relating to the Federal programs for Hurricane Katrina recovery.

S. 1747

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the names of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN), the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ALLEN) and the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. COLEMAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1747, a bill to limit liability for volunteers and those providing goods and services for disaster relief, and for other purposes.

S. 1749

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the names of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN), the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) and the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INUYE) were added as cosponsors of S. 1749, a bill to reinstate the application of the wage requirements of the Davis-Bacon Act to Federal contracts in areas affected by Hurricane Katrina.

S. CON. RES. 48

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 48, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that a commemorative postage stamp should be issued to promote public awareness of Down syndrome.

S. RES. 237

At the request of Mr. VOINOVICH, the names of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) and the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 237, a resolution

expressing the sense of the Senate on reaching an agreement on the future status of Kosovo.

S. RES. 242

At the request of Mr. SESSIONS, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 242, a resolution to express the sense of the Senate that the President should appoint an individual to oversee Federal funds for the Hurricane Katrina recovery, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1764

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1764 intended to be proposed to H.R. 2744, a bill making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1767

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1767 intended to be proposed to H.R. 2744, a bill making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1835

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SPECTER) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1835 proposed to H.R. 2744, a bill making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. SANTORUM (for himself and Mr. DEMINT):

S. 1750. A bill to provide for the issuance of certificates to Social Security beneficiaries who are born before 1950 guaranteeing their right to receive Social Security benefits under title II of the Social Security Act in full with an accurate annual cost-of-living adjustment; to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. SANTORUM. Mr. President, I rise today to talk about a bill I am introducing called the Social Security Guarantee Act. The reason I am introducing this piece of legislation is in an attempt to try, at a time when it looks like the Social Security issue here in Congress has ground down to almost a halt—although I think there is still an opportunity; as we hear, the House may pass something to move the ball forward—I want to put forth an idea I think would be helpful as something we can get done that should have, I hope, bipartisan support and would create a sense of security and certainly reduce